

Appln No. 09/637,764

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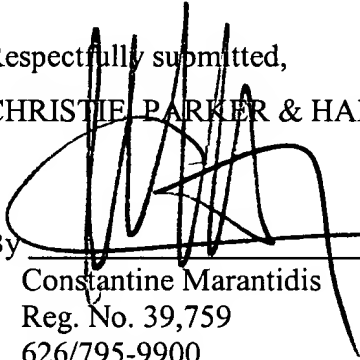
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 7, 2006. Claim 39 has been amended. Claim 42 has been canceled. Claims 1-3, 7-29, 31-33, 35-37, 39-41 are now pending in this application. Reconsideration on the basis of the above amendments and remarks below is kindly requested.

The Examiner rejected claim 39 but objected to claim 42 and stated that claim 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 42 was directly dependent from independent claim 39. Claim 39 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 42. As such, claim 39 is now in condition for allowance.

The rejections and objections to all claims pending in this application are believed to have been overcome and this application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns about the allowability of this application, the Examiner is kindly requested to call the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

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